

Letter from Charles J. Bell to Gilbert Grosvenor, March 13, 1916

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Enclosed I hand you copy of a letter received this morning from Mr. Glenn H. Curtiss.

Yours faithfully C J Bell

March 11th, 1916 Mr. Chas. J. Bell Washington D.C. Dear Mr. Bell:

I must apologize for delay in replying to your letter of February 15th. I have just returned from Newport News but unfortunately was obliged to come by way of New York instead of Washington as I had planned earlier.

When I received your letter I turned the matter over to our Patent Department and they have started to investigate the A.E.A. Patents. This investigation has not been completed and I have been requested to withhold my recommendations in regard to the organization of a new company for a few days.

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It would seem that if a valuation could be decided upon for the A.E.A. Patents they could be handled by some of the existing companies.

Would be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly G. H. Curtiss